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Mid-August 1949

1. Five trains with Soviet recruits, coming from Weimar (M 51/J 57), arrived in Erfurt. The trains were split and individual railroad cars were dispatched to Soviet military posts. One railroad car was dispatched to Gera (M 51/K 06), another to Zeitz (M 52/K 08) and a third to Altenburg (N 51/K 27).

July to September 1949

2. Exercises of Soviet artillery units were conducted in the Altengrabow (M 53/Z 00) area. It was said that "artillery brigades" practiced alternately at intervals of about three weeks. [redacted] one of the practicing artillery units, which was allegedly stationed in the Gera Reuss Kaserne.

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3. A rocket launcher unit with the [redacted] left the Gera Reuss Kaserne going to the Altenhain (N 52/E 41) area for maneuvers.
4. A signal battalion with the [redacted] was quartered in the former Panzer Kaserne, Gera-Tinz.
5. The following dumps were identified:
  - a. Main fuel dump for Thuringia [redacted] in the former Wifo Dump, Muenchen-Bernsdorf (M 51/J 95).
  - b. Soviet ammunition dump in Rothenstein (M 51/J 75).

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Comment:

- a. Recruits.

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Sources from almost all parts of the Soviet Zone of Germany reported that recruits from the Soviet Union have arrived since August 1949. No such information was previously obtained from Thuringia.

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b. [redacted]

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[redacted] Assigned to a Gera signal unit, possibly to the ? No. Sig Bn of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps.

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[redacted] According to wartime records assigned to the 214th Arty Regt of the 38th Rifle Div which fought in Austria in 1945 and was assumed, from questionable information, to be in the Transcaucasus MD in October 1945. The division is thought to have later been deactivated and [redacted] to another unit.

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[redacted] Repeatedly reported from Gera. Troops of this unit were entrained in Gera for Altengrabow in April 1949. It is not known how long the troops of the Unit [redacted] practiced in Altengrabow.

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